

## CLAIMS

1. A method for sharing a wish list, comprising:
  - displaying the wish list;
  - modifying the wish list; and
  - 5 sending substantially in real-time information associated with the wish list.
2. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein the wish list is modified and sent by an instant messaging application.
3. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein the wish list is stored locally on a device associated with an owner of the wish list.
- 10 4. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein the information is sent from a first device associated with a first instant messaging application instance to a second device associated with a second instant messaging application instance.
5. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein modifying the wish list includes performing a search.
- 15 6. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein modifying the wish list includes performing a search on a database.
7. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein modifying the wish list includes performing a search on Internet.
8. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein modifying the wish list includes performing a search and adding a search result to the wish list.
- 20 9. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, further comprising sending a notification indicating that the wish list has been changed.

10. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein the wish list information includes a compressed representation of the wish list.
11. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein the wish list information includes a search phrase.
- 5 12. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein the wish list information includes a search phrase and further comprising performing a search using the search phrase on a device receiving the wish list information.
13. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein the wish list is integrated with an e-commerce website.
- 10 13. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein the wish list is sent via a broadcast protocol.
14. A method for providing a wish list as recited in Claim 1, wherein the wish list is selected from a plurality of wish lists created for a plurality of user categories.
15. A method for exchanging a wish list, comprising:
- 15            modifying a wish list on a first device;
- sending the wish list from the first device to a second device; and
- displaying the wish list on the second device; wherein
- the first device is substantially a real-time communication device.
16. A system for providing a wish list, comprising:
- 20            a processor configured to:
- display the wish list;
- modify the wish list; and

send substantially in real-time information associated with the wish  
list; and

a memory coupled to the processor, configured to provide the processor  
with instructions.

- 5    17.    A computer program product for providing a wish list, the computer program  
product being embodied in a computer readable medium and comprising computer  
instructions for:

displaying the wish list;

modifying the wish list; and

- 10        sending substantially in real-time information associated with the wish list.